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1. In the village of Jelcz (Jeltsch) a few km. south of Olawa (Ohlau), which lies to the south of Wroclaw (Breslau), there is an industrial installation which was formerly built by the Germans. After the war the works were completely looted by the Russians, and the equipment sent to the USSR. Many factory buildings remained, however, and about 1949 a prison work camp was established there holding about 4,000 prisoners. During the time of the Germans there were about 40 factory sheds, many of which are now being rebuilt. However, this work is only in the early stages and it is not known to what use the factory will eventually be put. The new sheds are being built with flat roofs covered first with insulating material and then with red tiles.

2. Many of the prisoners are engaged in the work of rebuilding, but about 600 of them are employed in assembling Soviet ZIS chassis. The chassis are only assembled here, not actually manufactured. This work is carried on in three large sheds; an assembly shop, a fitting and smiths' shop, and a painting shop.

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3. Lying in various parts of the factory area are hundreds of Polish, Soviet, and German military and civilian cars and trucks. They are dismantled here and some parts are used in the factory itself while others are sent to Lublin and Zeran, near Warsaw. The remains of the dismantled vehicles are sent as scrap to other places in Poland.

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1. Comment: is probably referring to the Jelcz Motor Vehicle Works, formerly known as the Berta Works which was a branch of the Krupp Works of Essen.

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